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Reception and Prize Honor Abelson

Past and present editorial board members, reviewers, authors, editorial and Association staff, and members of the science and technology community came together at a reception on 8 March to honor Philip H. Abelson. The reception, hosted by the AAAS Board of Directors and the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, was held at the Smithsonian.

Abelson, who retired at the end of 1984 after 22 years as editor of *Science*, said he believed that he had had the "best job in the world . . . providing a special opportunity and incitement for life-long learning." Noting the international readership of *Science*, Abelson described being able to go anywhere in

the world and meet with people whose lives have been touched by *Science*.

He did, however, have a lighthearted word of advice for Daniel E. Koshland, Jr., current editor of *Science*. Abelson explained that authors of articles receive the fan letters and the editor gets the complaints. However, he said, Koshland should not worry unless he stops hearing from the complainers!

Anna J. Harrison, chairman of the Board of Directors, announced the establishment of the Philip Hauge Abelson Prize. The Prize will be awarded, beginning next year, to a public servant in recognition of exceptional contributions to the advancement of science or to a scientist whose career has been distinguished both for scientific achievement and for other notable services to the scientific community of the United States.

Western Scientists Meet in Montana

Topics from bioethics to the origins of dinosaurs in North America will be featured at the 60th annual meeting of the Pacific Division on the campus of the University of Montana at Missoula, 9-14 June.

Some of the symposia will be those on Environmental Risk: Public Perception versus Cleanup Costs; Bioethics; Organismic Speciation; Plant Molecular Genetics; Suspect Terranes; and Dinosaur Origins.

Workshops will be held on Nuclear



Philip H. Abelson (center) chats with AAAS Board Chairman Anna J. Harrison and Robert McC. Adams, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, at reception to honor former *Science* editor.

Winter and Human Survival—What Can Scientists Do?; Recruiting and Retaining Native American Students in the Sciences; and Science and Technology as if Women Matter.

An illustrated public lecture, "Ecology and Physiography of Glacier National Park, Montana," will be presented by J. Gordon Edwards of San Jose State University. Other special lectures will be by Kathleen Ahlenslager, University of Montana, on "Rocky Mountain Flora," and the presidential address by Walter H. Gardner, Washington State University, on "Growth of Understanding of the Physics of Soil and Water, the Earth's Most Critical Resources—A Historical Perspective."

Field trips are planned to Flathead Lake, a bison range, St. Ignatius Mission, Beaver Creek, and Glacier National Park. Students and teachers can register and receive two credits by attending the Pacific Division Meeting and a special lecture-discussion series.

In 1986 the Pacific Division will hold a joint meeting with the AAAS Arctic Division in Vancouver, British Columbia, 8–13 June.

For further information, contact Alan E. Leviton, Pacific Division, AAAS, c/o California Academy of Sciences, Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, California 94118, or call 415-752-1554.

AAAS Travelers

AAAS has been invited to be represented at the 41st annual session of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science. It will be held in Colombo, 9–13 December 1985. The AAAS representative will be invited to deliver a special lecture to the relevant section of the Association.

AAAS members who plan to be in the area at that time and might be interested in participating on behalf of AAAS should contact Denise Weiner, Office of International Science, at the AAAS address, no later than 1 July 1985. Please include a curriculum vitae. No funds for international travel are available; however, partial support (local costs and travel within Sri Lanka) will be provided.

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